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FOR SECRETARY FROM MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KHADDAM'S SUGGESTIONS

REFS (A) DAMASCUS 6286 (B) STATE 233918

1. MET WITH KHADDAM AT 1000L SEPT 22. HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH YOUR MESSAGE AND WILL ADVISE ASAD ABOUT IT IMMEDIATELY. HE AGREED THAT OUR EXCHANGE WITH HIM AND ASAD ON SUBJECT OF SUPPORT FOR SYRIA MUST BE HELD IN CLOSEST CONFIDENCE. (PERHAPS IN WITNESS OF THIS, BOTH TODAY AND AT OUR MEETING LAST FRIDAY (REF A), KHADDAM USED JOUAYJATI, DIRECTOR OF WEST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AS HIS NOTE TAKER AND NOT HIS REGULAR PALESTINIAN INTERPRETER, ABU FARES. JOUAYJATI WILL ACCOMPANY HIM TO NEW YORK.)

2. KHADDAM LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN NEW YORK AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ALL QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. HIS COMMENTS ON POSTPONEMENT OF ASAD-SADAT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON BY SEPTEL.

3. COMMENT:

AS MENTIONED TO YOU IN WASHINGTON IN LATE JULY, I HAVE HOPED TO RETURN ON CONSULTATIONS AT SOME POINT

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THIS FALL TO DEAL WITH SOME QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE

EMBASSY AS WELL AS TO SETTLE SOME PRESSING PERSONAL
AFFAIRS IN MASSACHUSETTS WHICH TIME DID NOT PERMIT
ME TO HANDLE IN JULY. IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL, I COULD
RETURN THE WEEK AFTER NEXT IN ORDER TO ATTEND YOUR
MEETING WITH KHADDAM. (HE WILL BE ARRIVING NY SATURDAY
AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 2 AND PLANS RETURN DAMASCUS OCTOBER
7 OR 8.) PLEASE ADVISE.
MURPHY

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